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Proposed Senate Resolution No. 404

Introduced by Senator Aquilino “Koko” Pimentel III

RESOLUTION
CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING THE ATENEEO
DE MANILA UNIVERSITY FOR THEIR EXEMPLARY
PERFORMANCE AND WINNING THE CHAMPIONSHIP IN
THE RECENTLY CONCLUDED WORLD UNIVERSITIES
DEBATING CHAMPIONSHIP 2023 HELD IN MADRID,
SPAIN FROM DECEMBER 27, 2022 TO JANUARY 3, 2023

1 **WHEREAS**, on December 27, 2022 to January 3, 2023 the
2 World Universities Debating Championship 2023 was held in Madrid,
3 Spain which was participated in by more than 260 debate teams from
4 all over the globe;¹

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6 **WHEREAS**, the World Universities Debating Championship is
7 considered as the world’s largest debate tournament;²

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9 **WHEREAS**, the team, composed of BS Applied Mathematics
10 students David Africa and Toby Leung, bested students from Harvard
11 University, National University of Singapore, Stanford University,

¹<https://www.facebook.com/ateneodemaniila>

²<https://www.wudcmadrid.com/>

1 London School of Economics, University of Sydney, Brown
2 University, Institut Teknologi Bandung, Chulalongkorn University,
3 Vanderbilt University, and University of New South Wales in the
4 elimination, octo finals, quarter finals, and semi finals rounds;³

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6 **WHEREAS**, Ateneo de Manila University (ADMU) emerged
7 victorious as they bested students from other countries including
8 Bulgaria's Sofia University, Israel's Tel Aviv University, and United
9 States of America's Princeton University in the finals;⁴

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11 **WHEREAS**, in addition to the championship, Toby Leung was
12 named 2nd best speaker, while David Africa was ranked 8th best
13 speaker;⁵

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15 **WHEREAS**, this is the first time ever that a team from the
16 Philippines or Southeast Asia has won this prestigious government;⁶

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18 **WHEREAS**, these achievements bring great pride and joy to our
19 country by prominently raising the Philippine flag in the realm of
20 international intellectual debate, and by highlighting the capabilities of
21 Filipinos globally and internationally as among the world's best;

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23 **WHEREAS**, ADMU truly affirmed itself as one of the country's
24 top universities and as an institution that hones and produces globally
25 competitive individuals;

³<https://www.facebook.com/marlu.vilches/posts/pfbid0yXM4uCncvmqm6Bd9x2HM73iYNU Rg9EmkZkDoDyRGynk1rQ94t7AYtNk77dWqGqSfl>

⁴<https://news.abs-cbn.com/news/01/04/23/philippines-wins-intl-debate-tournament>

⁵<https://www.facebook.com/ateneodemanila>

⁶<https://www.gmanetwork.com/news/topstories/nation/856274/philippines-bags-first-world-universities-debating-championship-title/story/>

1 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, as it is hereby
2 resolved, to congratulate and commend the Ateneo de Manila
3 University for their exemplary performance and winning the
4 championship in the recently concluded World Universities Debating
5 Championship 2023 held in Madrid, Spain.

Adopted,


AQUILINO "KOKO" PIMENTEL III